

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL MEMORANDUM

SB 138 – HB 916

March 18, 2015

SUMMARY OF ORIGINAL BILL: Prohibits a person or organization distributing, or causing to be distributed a sample ballot, from using the name of any statewide political party on such ballot without written permission from the state executive committee of statewide political party. Creates a Class B misdemeanor violation for the person or organization distributing or causing to be distributed the sample ballot. Requires any candidate who pays money or another form of consideration to be endorsed on a sample ballot to report the payment as an expenditure on any statement required to be filed with the Registry of Election Finance.

FISCAL IMPACT OF ORIGINAL BILL:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

SUMMARY OF AMENDMENT (004558): Deletes and rewrites bill such that the only substantive change is to make the legislation applicable to both state and local candidates.

FISCAL IMPACT OF BILL WITH PROPOSED AMENDMENT:

Unchanged from the original fiscal note.

Assumptions for the bill as amended:

- There will not be a sufficient number of prosecutions for state or local government to experience any significant increase in revenue or expenditures.
- The Department of State confirms there is no operational impact that will affect state expenditures.
- The Municipal Technical Advisory Service (MTAS) and the County Technical Assistance Service (CTAS) both confirm that there is no operational impact that will affect expenditures of municipalities or counties respectively.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, reading "Jeffrey L. Spalding".

Jeffrey L. Spalding, Executive Director

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